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Announcement

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Who

Sir Richard Peto FRS

Professor of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology
University of Oxford, U.K.

What

Lecture: Halving Premature Death: Is It Realistic?

Hosted by the Fogarty International Center

When

July 13, 2006

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Where

NIH Campus

Natcher Conference Center (Building 45), Room E1/E2
Bethesda, Maryland (Medical Center, Metro Red Line)
(Please Note: Allow time for security clearance to enter campus)

Why

Worldwide, there are currently about 20 million deaths a year before middle age, 20 million in middle age (35-69) and 20 million in old age. At current death rates, of 130 million live births a year about 20 million will die before middle age (many in childhood) and 40 million will eventually die in middle age. Death in old age is inevitable, but most deaths before old age are avoidable. What are the few avoidable causes that each account for at least a million deaths a year before old age, and what can realistically be done to reduce their effects substantially? Sir Richard will show that the pursuit of statistical detail continues to be surprisingly helpful in answering these big questions.

Resources

From the Royal Society

[Sir Richard Peto FRS - Preventing avoidable death](http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk/page.asp?id=1548)

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